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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: STROMBERG

Entitled: ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY FIBERLINE FOR PRODUCING  
BLEACHED CHEMICAL PULP

and including attachments as noted below:

Newly executed Declaration,  Copy of Declaration from prior application,  Abstract  
14 pages of specification and claims (including 25 numbered claims), and  
4 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/167,537, filed December 2, 1999, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

This application is a division of Application No. 09/722,420, filed November 28, 2000, which in turn was based upon provisional application Serial No. 60/167,537 filed December 2, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

The prior application is assigned to ANDRITZ INC., Glens Falls, New York.

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A PTO-1449 is also attached listing the citations. Please initial, date and return a copy of the PTO-1449. Pursuant to Rule 98(d), copies of the listed citations have not been provided.

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